Opening Convocation 2015

**Date:** Thursday, August 20, 2015

**Location:** Outdoor Tent on the grassy knoll next to the Vairo Parking Lot

FACULTY GATHER IN VAIRO LIBRARY, UPPER FLOOR CIRCULATION AREA

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<td>Academic procession will form in the Vairo Library, Upper Floor Circulation area and process to the outdoor tent for Convocation</td>
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| 10:00 a.m.| **Academic Convocation (10-10:55) Tent**  
First-Year Students are welcomed by the Chancellor and Director of Academic Affairs  
**Welcome Address:** Dr. Laura Guertin, Professor of Earth Sciences  
Student Government Association President Olivia Shiner  
Director of Student Affairs, Ronika Money-Adams  
Alma Mater led by Orientation Leaders |
| 10:55 a.m.| **Recessional/Faculty go to College Meeting locations**  
Student Leaders will escort incoming students from the Tent to various classrooms. |
| 11:00 a.m.| **College/Advisor Meetings (11 – 11:40)**  
College Representatives will conduct the meetings and review college and major specific topics. Academic advisors are introduced and arrange to meet individually with their advisees. |
| 11:40 a.m.| **Faculty/Student Dismissal from College/Advisor Meetings**  
End promptly at 11:40 – students need to be at their workshops by 11:45 |
| 12:00 noon| **Faculty Common Read Idea-Share (optional, 12-12:45) 101 Tomezsko** |
| 1:00 p.m. | **Welcome Lunch and Keynote Speaker Barbara Shaman** Tent  
Faculty and Staff are invited to join the new students for lunch. |
| 2:00 – 2:50 | **Director of Academic Affairs Address to Faculty:** Dr. Cynthia Lightfoot, 101 MAIN Building |
| 3:00 – 4:00 | **State of the Campus Address:** Dr. Kristin Woolever, 101 MAIN Building |

Convocation Day Activities Complete